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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: NIE-81: Probable Developments in Guatemala

1. The attached draft of NIE-81 revises earlier drafts in the light of the discussion at, and since, the IAC meeting of 28 April. The drafts meet the single point on which you expressed an interest to me: that account be taken of the tendency of Latin American armies to shift their loyalty. A representative of the DD/P attended the meetings with the IAC representatives and expressed his approval of this draft.

2. G-2 has reserved its position on paragraphs 8,9,10, 19, and 21. G-2 does not believe there is sufficient evidence to permit departure from the views of our military attache.

3. Will you be good enough to inform me whether you wish to be briefed orally on the draft?

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